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"LISBON MARU" DRAMA Grim Story Of Disaster Told By Survivor Prisoners Of War Meant To Die

THAT THE JAPANESE FORCED ALL BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR INTO THE HOLDS OF THE LISBON MARU AFTER SHE HAD BEEN TORPEDOED, AND BATTENED THEM DOWN, OBVIOUSLY INTENDING THAT THEY SHOULD GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP, WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME BY ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE SINKING.

HE WAS MR. F. K. GARTON, WHO WAS STATIONED AT CAPE D'AGUILAR DURING THE HONG KONG "LITZ" IN HIS CAPACITY AS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT WIRELESS DEPARTMENT, AND WHO JOINED THE NAVAL CONTINGENT AT ABERDEEN AFTER HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON THE STATION.

Telling the story of the Lisbon Maru, Mr. Garton said that she was struck by a torpedo at 7 a.m. on October 1st, 1942, about three days out of Hong Kong.

She did not sink until 11 a.m. on October 2; in other words, not until 28 hours later. In the meantime, the Japanese had the stricken liner under tow and were striving to pull her to some place of safety.

During this time, taking action immediately after the torpedo had struck, the Japanese had put all the P.O.W.s aboard into what was virtually another "black hole." Four hundred were forced into a small hold, which was battened down. That constituted the group which included Mr. Garton. Other groups were dealt with similarly in other holds.

SNATCHING FOR BREATH

"I have never known what pitch black meant until then," Mr. Garton told our representative. "Not a chink of light entered anywhere."

By the morning of October 2nd, the men were snatching for breath in the foetid atmosphere and scores had collapsed. Desperate men then attacked the battens and eventually smashed their way through.

The first men out of the hold were shot by the Japanese guards, but, fortunately, the Lisbon Maru was by this time listing heavily and when the next bid for freedom was launched, it was found that all the Japanese had abandoned ship, leaving those on board to their fate.

One went down finally at 11 a.m. and hundreds of men struggled for life in the water, the Japanese making no rescue attempts, though they had numerous craft in the vicinity.

FIRED ON

Some of the P.O.W.s made for an island about five miles away, and a good number got through. Others, who tried to struggle towards the Japanese tugs, were shot.

Until, that is, about two hours after the sinking, when a signal must have reached the Japanese tugs, ordering them to undertake rescue. They began then to pick up the men in the water, including Mr. Garton, who, a poor swimmer had managed to find a soapbox to support him.

" meantime, some nine hundred men had been shot or drowned.

SECOND BLACK HOLE

After rescue, 280 survivors, all of them naked, were taken to Shanghai, and there, as they stood up were thrust into the hold of a Japanese schooner, again unbattened hatches. Fortunately, this lasted only one night, for scores had collapsed before dawn and some failed to survive the second "black hole."

Ultimately, they were taken to Japan, ill from exposure almost to a man and treated reasonably well for about four weeks. After that deterioration was rapid, and the rest of the story parallels that of

Big Three To Meet?

London, Oct. 8. According to the Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," highly placed Congressional informants have suggested privately that the break-up of the first meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council will now lead to another meeting between President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Generalissimo Stalin. James F. Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, will make a further report tomorrow on the failure to prolong the meeting, a closed session of the Foreign Relations Committee. —Reuter.

any other prisoner-of-war in Japan.

Only one thing needs to be added. When the Japanese surrendered, Mr. Garton stayed behind to assist the American authorities in organising the clearance of the P.O.W. camps. Before leaving, Tokyo for Okinawa, he received the following letter from the U.S. Eighth Army headquarters:—

"As the commander of the U.S. Eighth Army, it is my privilege to extend to you the heartfelt thanks of your American allies for the splendid spirit of generosity and unselfishness you have displayed this past two weeks."

"In volunteering to remain in your prison camp to assist in the liberation of your comrades, you have proved again that the strength of the United Nations is built upon that most solid of foundations—the fellowship of man."

"We of the Eighth Army are proud to be your liberators. We congratulate you upon your newly gained freedom and wish for you the best of good luck, good health, and happiness in the years to come."

R. L. Eichelberger, Lt.-General, U.S.A., Commanding.

CHIANG'S PARLEYS WITH MAO TSE-TUNG

CHUNGKING, OCT. 8. DOON CAMPBELL, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN CHUNGKING, YESTERDAY SAID:—"A REPORT ON THE DECISIONS REACHED BY THE KUOMINTANG (GOVERNMENT PARTY) AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS IN TALKS, WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER FIVE WEEKS, IS EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED ABOUT OCTOBER 10."

APRES LE DELUGE

Curruthersville, Missouri, Oct. 8.

In a speech here yesterday, President Truman said: "We cannot stand another global war. We cannot ever have another war unless it is a total war, and that means the end of our civilization as we know it."

Apparently referring to the deadlock in the Council of Foreign Ministers, the President said: "The reason for the difficulty, that we all distinctly understand, is that after every war there is bound to be a change of attitude."

Labour's Task

London, Oct. 8. Britain's untied Labour party parliament, headed by Prime Minister Attlee, when it reconvenes will face one of its greatest tasks in converting the nation from a war to a peace economy and providing 3,000,000 homes. The parliament held its first session in August. —Associated Press.

MURDER HUNT

San Francisco, Oct. 8. Police today launched a state-wide search for Dr. John H. Mansfield, prominent physician who disappeared a short while after his wife was booked on a charge of playing a nurse. —Associated Press.

Macao Just Missed It

Lisbon, Oct. 8.

An official communique disclosed today that Portugal was prepared to participate in military action to reclaim occupied Timor when Japan surrendered. Premier Salazar said lengthy negotiations were conducted between Portugal, the United States, Britain and other Allies with a view to Portugal's participation in the Pacific war.

Such action by Portugal probably would have had abrupt repercussions against another Portuguese colony—Macao—which came through the war as an isolated neutral haven in South China, surrounded by Japanese forces. —Associated Press.

Yamashita On Trial

Manila, Oct. 8.

Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita appeared before five American generals today for his arraignment as a war criminal and pleaded not guilty to charges that he was derelict in his duties as a commander and violated the laws of war for asserted failure to control Japanese troops in the Philippines and prevent them from committing a series of brutal atrocities against Americans and Filipinos.

He will have American legal counsel when he goes on trial for his life on October 29.

Hundreds of Filipinos were killed brutally in Manila and some Luzon cities during the battle of the Philippines. The walled city in Manila was the scene of large scale killings and many victims were found in the wrecked area with hands tied. Many were killed also in church institutions. —Associated Press.

"It is learned here that no concrete decision has yet been taken on the two fundamental issues—the reorganization of the Chinese army and of the government in certain provinces."

"The Kuomintang journal" "Democratic Weekly," commenting on the delay in reaching decisions, said: "The people are at a loss to know what is being discussed; how parleys are progressing and what difficulties are encountered."

"It is stated, though not officially confirmed, that General Mao Tse-tung, Communist leader, will return to the Communist Headquarters at Yenan before the Communist Chief of staff comes to Chungking to sit on the Military Council here. —Reuter.

MACKENZIE KING DISCREET

Southampton, Oct. 8. Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said today he came to England to learn secrets, not to disclose them. His comment was in response to a question on whether he had brought any atomic bomb secrets with him. There were reports published when the prime minister left Washington on a route to England that President Truman had given him an insight into United States plans to use atomic bombs as a measure of keeping world peace. —Reuter.

BIG VOTE FOR UNRRA

WASHINGTON, OCT. 8.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000,000 IMMEDIATELY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION (UNRRA).

He disclosed in a letter to Speaker Rayburn that he soon would ask for more so that UNRRA may "meet its new responsibilities and complete its programme."

"The people of liberated countries who so gallantly resisted against oppression throughout the war now face a winter of acute need and privation," he said. "They look to UNRRA for assistance. Unless UNRRA is enabled to speed ample shipments of supplies to stricken areas widespread starvation and disease will result."

"Our whole-hearted support will be a real contribution toward a stable and enduring peace."

A major fight over the recommendations, particularly over any request for funds beyond \$500,000,000, seemed certain in Congress. There has been frequent criticism of UNRRA in both the House and Senate. —Associated Press.

Salazar Sees Writing On The Wall

LISBON, OCT. 8.

DR. ANTONIO OLIVIERA SALAZAR ASSURED LEADERS OF THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL UNION AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF HIS REGIME TODAY THAT THE ELECTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 18 WILL BE FREE.

The premier said he would welcome the election of some of his opponents "who may be well meaning" and willing to carry on the programme achieved by his government.

Salazar promised that the press would be granted "sufficient freedom to allow free electoral propaganda for all in order that supporters and opponents (of his regime) may discuss the government's plans."

Portugal's secret police will henceforth function under ordinary police forces, Salazar declared, and special military courts for dealing with political cases will be abolished.

He proclaimed that the right of habeas corpus—which never has been recognized in Portuguese legal procedure—will be abolished. "The freedom of citizens will be restored fully to the extent that it will not fear comparison with that existing in any other part of the world." —Associated Press.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN IN COLONY

Lady Louis Mountbatten has arrived in Hong Kong from Manila, where she had been visiting officials and civil leaders, talking with liberated British prisoners-of-war and internees in visits to replacement depots.

Lady Mountbatten arrived by air from the Philippines capital, Manila, yesterday at 12.30 p.m. She will be staying at Government House and is in Hong Kong on the same mission that took her to Manila.

MOTOR-CYCLE SMASH

Jack Dempsey, of the Hong Kong Police, who was gravely injured when his motorcycle collided with an Army lorry in Kowloon on Sunday, was last night reported to be still in a critical condition.

He was injured in the head and face, the right shoulder and arm. Robert Sheehan, of Talkoo Dock, injured in the same collision, was reported to be out of danger.

Tokyo, Oct. 8. The Japanese freighter Arima Maru struck a mine 40 miles north of Moji on September 29, the Japanese government announced. The vessel was reported proceeding to Korea at greatly reduced speed. —Associated Press.

SHIDEHARA STILL CABINET MAKING

TOKYO, OCT. 8. WHILE JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS CLAMORED FOR A HOUSE-CLEANING OF WAR CRIMINALS, FEUDALISTS AND BUREAUCRATS, PREMIER SHIDEHARA SOUGHT UNTRIED LIBERALS FOR HIS NEW CABINET.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ASKED THE ALLIED COMMAND FOR PERMISSION TO ABOLISH THE BUREAUCRATIC REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS-GENERAL WHICH WERE FORMED IN JUNE TO MEET THE AMERICAN INVASION THREAT.

The new cabinet secretary is Daizaburo Tsugita, who Shidehara said bore no responsibility for militaristic activity during the past 10 years.

Sources close to the premier said he had made no new appointments except Tsugita and Foreign Minister Yoshida. Tokyo newspapers said Lt.-Gen. Sadamu Shimomura, war minister in Higashi Kun' cabinet and minister of Education Tamon Maeda had consented to remain, but that Suma Yonal, who was asked to stay as Navy Minister, declined, on an explanation of ill health.

The war and navy departments are likely to be abolished after October 15, when demobilization is scheduled for completion.

The newspaper "Asahi" said the general staff would be dissolved on that date in compliance with General MacArthur's orders.

Domei news agency said the Navy Ministry was offered to Admiral Toyoma, chief of the naval general staff, and former commander-in-chief of the Combined Fleets. The Finance Ministry was reported offered to the Governor of the Bank of Japan and the Home Ministry to Zenjuro Horikiri, member of the House of Peers. —Associated Press.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Later.

Baron Shidehara, filled his government posts today.

He appointed Shigeru Yoshida, foreign minister; Tamon Maeda, education minister; Keizo Shibu Sawa, finance minister; Zenjuro Horikiri, home minister; Daizaburo Tsugita, cabinet secretary.

Yoshida had held the foreign minister post under Higashi Kun' Maeda also is a hold-over cabinet member.

One of the key cabinet posts and the subject of great recent friction, is the home ministry, under Horikiri. He will be in charge of police.

A later announcement said Shidehara had appointed Lieut. Gen. Sadashi Shimomura as war minister as cabinet appointments were completed, but the names of the navy minister and some others were not available. Others named were: minister without portfolio, Tatsuo Kawai; president of the board of legislation, Wataru Narahashi.

The new cabinet secretary made the announcement that all cabinet posts had been filled. —Associated Press.

TEN ACCEPT

Tokyo, Oct. 8.

The following ten have accepted the offer of Baron Shidehara, the new Japanese Prime Minister, to take office in the new Cabinet. Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, retiring Foreign Minister, Tamon Maeda, retiring Minister of Education, General Sadashi Shimomura, retiring War Minister, Baron Iwata, retiring Minister of Justice, Admiral Toyoda, Chief of staff of the Navy, who becomes Navy Minister, Daizaburo Tsugita, who becomes Chief Secretary and Minister without portfolio, Viscount Shibuzawa, Governor of the Bank of Japan who becomes the Finance Minister. Zenjuro Horikiri, a member of the Japanese Parliament, who becomes Home Minister, Hitoshi Ashitani.

Rising Tension In The Holy Land

LONDON, OCT. 8. APPEALS TO PALESTINE JEWS TO "KEEP CALM" BY JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN MANY PARTS OF EUROPE ARE THE LATEST SIGNS OF RISING TENSION IN THE HOLY LAND, WHERE ALL WORK WILL CEASE FOR SIX HOURS TODAY AS A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION.

IN JERUSALEM, THE "SMALLER ZIONIST" GENERAL COUNCIL SAT IN SECRET SESSION ALL DAY YESTERDAY TO REPORT ON THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS, SAYS A REUTER CABLE FROM JERUSALEM.

Three large processions are planned "at Tel Aviv" to attend the monster air meeting in the afternoon to-day. Municipal posters, calling on the public to disperse quietly after the meeting, are displayed throughout the city.

The meeting will cable protests to President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

A Reuter cable from Rome says that Karl Mondt, a member of the American House of Representatives' Sub-Committee on Foreign Affairs, who is on his way to the United States from a trip to the Middle East, told reporters in Rome last night that the situation in Palestine is "most serious."

He added: "Of all countries we have visited, Palestine is one where bloodshed appears most imminent."

"His Sub-Committee would recommend a clarification of the United States policy towards the Middle East," he added. —Reuter.

First Home From Far East

SOUTHAMPTON, OCT. 8.

THE LINER CORFU, CARRYING 1,834 PRISONERS-OF-WAR LIBERATED FROM THE FAR EAST, ARRIVED YESTERDAY AT FLEETBECKED SOUTHAMPTON.

The Corfu was the first of fifteen ships bringing home ex-prisoners of the Japanese. Big and small ships hooted their sirens in joyous welcome as the liner made her way to the berth. The men all looked bronzed and in fairly good health. They were in boisterous spirits and joined in singing old-time favourites.

Before the men left the ship, Lord Nathan, Undersecretary of War, representing the Government, and General Ronald Ross, representing the Army Council, went on board to welcome them home. Speeches were made to the men from the bridge.

Lord Nathan read a message from the King, stating: "With all our heart we hope that your return from captivity will bring you and your families a full measure of happiness which you may long enjoy together."

Reuter.

Greek Meets Greek

ATHENS, OCT. 8.

THEMISTOCLES SOFOULIS, LEADER OF THE GREEK LIBERAL PARTY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT HIS PARTY WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE GREEK ELECTIONS FIXED FOR JANUARY 20.

"The Liberal Party is unable to share responsibility for an ignominious electoral, which would result in national tragedy, by definitely establishing anarchy in this country," he said.

George Kafandaridis, leader of the Progressive Party, called the decision of the Government to hold elections in January a "coup d'etat."

Professor Alexander Syvolos, former Finance Minister and leader of the Socialist Party, said: "It is impossible to believe that elections could take place in January next and that the Royal Decree could ratify the decision without constituting a left-wing party."

Alexander Molingos, leader of the Agrarian Democratic Party, said: "The fixing of a date for elections will increase political tension."

On the other hand, George Panayiotou, former Prime Minister, said that the leaders of the right-wing parties were delighted that the "Voulgaris Cabinet did its duty."

No official Communist opinion has yet been expressed, but a spokesman of the E.A.M. said: "The recent government of the people by keeping in power the Voulgaris Cabinet."

Consciousness Of Empire Emerges As Fresh Element

LONDON, OCT. 8. THE NEW YORK TIMES SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON SAID YESTERDAY: "IN THE PURSUIT OF CANDOUR, IT MUST BE STATED THAT NEVER IN HER LONG HISTORY HAS BRITAIN BEEN SO CONSCIOUS OF THE VALUE OF HER EMPIRE THAN AT THIS MOMENT."

"THE LIBERAL PARTY IN THE PAST WAS INFATUATED WITH A FREE TRADE POLICY, WHICH WAS ADMIRABLE AS LONG AS BRITAIN WAS AN INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIER OF THE WORLD AND WAS SO CONVINCED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD SHOULD CONSIST OF ONE UNITED FAMILY THAT SHE BECAME EMBARRASSED BY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMPIRE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN IT LIQUIDATED."

"As Socialists gradually superseded Liberals, they too found the Empire a menace to their philosophy and to their gospel of discontent. To them, the Dominions were children of capitalism and the exploitation of their parentage, to which no decent country would care to admit."

"The Conservatives have always been out and out in the matter of the Empire but between the two world wars, they conceived the idea that if they never mentioned it, the outside world might forget that it existed."

"It is true that the Empire saved Britain and civilisation (the terms are more or less synonymous) in 1914 and 1919, the Ottawa agreements largely protected Britain and the Dominions from the financial crisis which was raging. Even so, the Conservatives kept strangely quiet about it all. In fact, it was left to Washington to put the imperial policy in the very forefront of British politics."

"I write these words with diffidence but it seems at times, to our phlegmatic minds, that the American politician is more generous than astute. Nothing would persuade me to elaborate on that theme, although it offers an agreeable temptation. When the United States Administration announced the end of 'peace-lost', it did so in the manner of a business man dealing with a contract that had run out."

"There were no softening of blows, no kindly phrases to soothe the ruffled British breast, no warning and no suggestion of what might follow. It seemed to use the voice of a business executive instead of a spokesman of a country, whose generosity and valour had won our hearts."

POST OFFICE NOTICE

HOLIDAYS

On TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER, and WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1945, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and the Sheungwan and Wansai Branch Post Offices will be open to the public between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon only.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council of the Association will be held at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, (by kind permission), Alexandra Building, First Floor, on Monday the 15th day of October, 1945 at 2.30 p.m. to discuss the question of revival of football in the Colony.

All Clubs affiliated to the Association and not represented on the Council are requested to send a representative to the Meeting.

Dated the 8th day of October, 1945

WONG KA TSUN

Chairman.

Hong Kong Football Association.

"KIRTON"

The following message has been received from SHANGHAI for Mr. Kirton.

"Miss Kirton in General Hospital, SHANGHAI. Nothing serious. Family all there. Requests her husband to come to SHANGHAI as soon as possible."

Will Mr. Kirton please report to No. 4, RAPWI Control Staff, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building (3rd floor) as soon as possible.

Battle Royal In Queen's Road

SHORTLY AFTER 9 P.M. LAST NIGHT, HONG KONG HAD AN UNOFFICIAL "DRESS REHEARSAL" FOR WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT TO-DAY AS (ALSO UNOFFICIAL) PART OF THE VICTORY CELEBRATIONS WHICH OPEN WITH THE PARADE AND MARCH PAST WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ADMIRAL C. H. J. HARCOURT, TAKING THE SALUTE OUTSIDE THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

A number of Service men, who had just come out of the cinema, decided it would be fun to let off some of the crackers that are being sold so cheaply—35 cents for "a hundred rounds."

Stationing themselves outside the Queen's Theatre, some five or six sailors were having what must have been to them great fun. They were burning crackers like so many school boys.

This went on until one of them playfully threw a "big fellow" across the road where another party of bluejackets had gathered round one of the many street stalls, interesting themselves in the torches and batteries that were on display.

Then the fun started. Interest in torches, batteries and cigarettes etc., was lost. Instead, a fire-cracker seller, who up till then had reported business as being slow, was suddenly called upon to cope with a sudden rush of business, and in less than a minute later a sharp exchange of fire was started lasting until well after 10 p.m.

Meanwhile a large number of people had gathered to watch the fun, all in good part, by "combatants" and lookers-on alike.

Then a "neutral" took a hand in the show, for all of a sudden a medium-sized packet was set alight and thrown over the verandah taken by the opposing parties in the street below as the "cease fire" order and almost immediately quiet reigned again.

Happily, there were no casualties though one or two of the spectators came very near to being hit by "stray shots."

Two R.A.F. sentries effected the arrest of a Chinese who was attempting to steal a heavy canvas cover off a trolley at the Transport Pool in Nathan Road yesterday morning.

now being reorganised into the "Burma Command," which will be its final name, and is being gradually reduced in strength.—Reuter.

SOEKARNO'S ACTIVITY IN INDONESIA

LONDON, OCT. 8. DR. SOEKARNO, LEADER OF THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT IN BATAVIA YESTERDAY BROADCAST AN INVITATION TO THE "FOUR LEADERS OF FREEDOM"—MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK OF CHINA, PANDIT NEHRU OF INDIA, DR. HERBERT EVATT OF AUSTRALIA AND MAJOR GENERAL CARLOS ROMULO OF THE PHILIPPINES—TO COME TO JAVA AND INSPECT FOR THEMSELVES THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING THERE.

A REUTER MESSAGE FROM BATAVIA ALSO STATES THAT THE INDONESIANS ARE HANDING OUT LEAFLETS, PRINTED IN URDU, TO THE BRITISH INDIAN TROOPS, QUOTING PANDIT NEHRU'S SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 30, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT INDIAN TROOPS SHOULD NEVER FIGHT TO SUPPRESS THE FREEDOM OF ANY OF THE PEOPLES OF ASIA AND AFRICA.

While Dr. Soekarno was travelling throughout Batavia, impressing the people that it would be to the advantage of the Republic to maintain law and order, 7,000 coolies struck in the dock areas. They refused to load Dutch ships but said they were prepared to unload British shipping in harbours. The Netherlands Authorities said they were prepared to meet the strike leaders to-day.

Two posters have appeared all over the island, saying that looting should be suppressed and that all unauthorised actions by the people against the advice of the Republican leaders must be prevented.

JAPANESE ARRESTED—These proclamations also warn against the printing of news and the fraudulent use of national leaders' names and add that Dr. Soekarno, in an "interview" with the British military authorities had told them that the Indonesian did not object to the arrival of British forces but objected to the Netherlands troops.

In Surabaya, all members of the Japanese Kempeitai (Gestapo) have been arrested by Indonesians, who have taken possession of all Japanese tanks and a number of armoured cars. The air field there is blocked with stakes and air service to Reuter.

Asking Too Much

LONDON, OCT. 8.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO EXPECT COMPLETE AGREEMENT AMONG THE INDIANS BEFORE GRANTING THEM INDEPENDENCE, DECLARED MR. M. O. JOSHI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS, AT AN INFORMAL RECEPTION GIVEN HERE YESTERDAY BY INDIAN RESIDENTS.

Mr. Joshi, who is on his way to Paris to attend the International Labour Conference, added: "India is not the only country where there are majorities and minorities. There are other countries in the world who disagree among themselves and yet enjoy freedom."

Mr. Joshi, an official of the British trade union movement, emphasized that the Indian trade union movement should be the basis of Indian independence.—Reuter.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Finance Branch of the Civil Affairs Administration, will, from Monday 8th October, 1945, be located in the former Yokohama Specie Bank Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

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NOTICE

I am leaving the Colony on 4th October, 1945. Until Mr. C. Bernard Brown arrives from United Kingdom the affairs of Messrs. Linstead & Davis will be looked after by MESSRS. ARNALDO REITOR SILVA and HENRY U. KONG CHUNG.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONGKONG

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

PROCLAMATION No. 4

Article 3

Regulation No. 6...Prohibition of Building Work

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 3 of the above mentioned proclamation I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby make the following regulation:

1. Any work of building reconstruction or repair for which materials of an aggregate value in excess of \$250 are required, save work done under and in accordance with a permit issued by Col. (O.A.) Works, is hereby prohibited.

2. The aggregate value shall be calculated by reference to the price which the materials would have fetched in the open market at the date work commenced, or if this cannot be ascertained then such value as Col. C.A. Works certifies to be the aggregate value of the materials.

3. Any person in possession of any of the items specified in the schedule hereto, or of any other item which could suitably be employed in any work of building reconstruction or repair shall within fourteen days from the date of the publication of this regulation declare the same by giving full and accurate particulars thereof in writing to Col. (C.A.) Works at his office.

4. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this regulation shall on conviction by the Standing Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to both:—quali: imprisonment and fine.

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GIVEN under my hand at HONGKONG this 6th day of October, 1945.

D. M. MACDOUGALL

Brigadier,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

